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United Nations and A.AM.S. Joint Ceremonies for New Thirty Cent Postage Stamp

NDER the joint auspices of the United Nations Postal Administration and the American Air Mail Society first day of issue ceremonies for the new 30c postage stamp of the U.N. were held on Monday, June 5, 1961. Admission to the ceremonies was by card, procurable at the Information Desk in the main lobby of the General Assembly Building.

A luncheon was held in the West Terrace of the Delegates Dining Area of the U.N., following the ceremonies. Subscription was \$5.00 per person, and reservations could be made by writing George D. Kingdom, an official of the A.A.M.S., as reported earlier in Stamps.

The beautiful multicolored stamp, designed by Herbert M. Sanborn of the UN Composition Unit, and a first day cover were presented to distinguished invited guests in brocade-silk-lined leather cases bearing the emblem and the wording "United Nations Postal Administration" in gold on the front cover, and signed by David B. Vaughan, Director of General Services.

Mr. Vaughan addressed the gathering, welcoming them on behalf of

the Secretary General, and who referred to the two previous occasions (1957 and 1959) when the American Air Mail Society co-sponsored ceremonies for new stamp issues with the UN Postal Administration. He spoke of the need for international cooperation in our presentday world, and the aims of the United Nations in this respect, and of how the UN was working diligently in all areas towards that end. Then, with regard to stamps, he said: "In addition to these methods, there are many of us who feel that perhaps the most significant method of getting our message across to the peoples of the world is through the simple message carried on our postage stamps. It is for this reason that we emphasize the importance of the use of our stamps for actual mail-carrying purposes so that they will reach out into all corners of the world. It is also because of the importance that we attach to our stamps as a means of public information that we endeavor to combine an attractive format with a simple and understanding message."

Mr. Vaughan mentioned that to achieve these results they not only call upon the resources of U.N.'s own designers, but also those of outstanding artists of world-

wide reputation. "The design of the stamp," he added, "endeavors to portray pictorially the common bond between all countries and to symbolize a phrase in the Preamble of the United Nations Charter. "To Unite our Strength' in meeting the problems which afflict the world today is a message of significance which calls upon the best instincts of all peoples of the world to achieve universal peace, justice, and securty in our time."

The stamp, which depicts a group of flags, will be used principally for one ounce mail to Europe, North Africa, and South America.

D. T. Clements, Chief of the U.N. Postal Administration, spoke in a vein that so well expresses the average non-collector's misconception of philately and philatelists, it seems worth while to share the pleasure we got from it with our readers by quoting his talk verbatim. Mr. Clements shows the evolution of the non-collector's view as he himself experienced it after going on the staff of the U.N.P.A.

"Until this assignment my impression of an adult stamp collector was someone dry and professorial, sitting in an attic room that had not been aired for years, peering through a magnifying glass at some insignificant looking piece of



Two commemorative covers from President Kennedy's meetings abroad: At left, cachet for the meeting with President De Gaulle, France, received from Joachim Dill, Bad Neustadt, Germany: at right, the meeting with Russia's Khrushchev in Vienna, received from Gustav Th. Schlesinger, Graz, Austria.

paper called a stamp. The hobby to me appeared totally irreconcilable with the supposedly adult mentality.

"It was conceivable to me that this hobby could appeal to children and probably the stuffy professorial collector, sitting in his attic, more than likely began his hobby as a child in a rather unfastidious manner. Probably he cared little about inverted centers, broken 'v's', precancelled 11/2c stamps, and other eccentricities, but instead simply swapped with friends and concentrated on whatever his whims might have been at that time.

"Perhaps many of you present today may have been in that childhood category but have now graduated into the ever-increasing number of collectors who develop specialized collections such as airmail.

"It was only after being on this assignment for several months that I began to realize how wrong my original impressions were.

"A request from Yul Brunner corrected my misconception. Mr. Brunner had been in Europe for several months and wished to bring his UN collection up to date. What had we issued since his departure and how fast could he get them? It was a rude awakening, for I learned that stamp collecting has become one of the world's great hobbies, attracting well-known figures out of

the past and present—and they were far from being professorial - neither did they sit in attics peering at their stamps; most probably they pursued their hobby in a penthouse! Or, as King George V, in a palace!! It is superfluous to tell this distinguished audience that one of the great Americans - F.D.R. - was a collector and who himself designed some of the stamps issued during his administration.

"Realizing how mistaken I was, my next questions were: Why do philatelists collect stamps? Is it the simple hobbyist's instinct, the enjoyment of collecting? Are they motivated by their possible market appreciation? I am not asking you, philatelists, to cash in your government bonds and buy UN stamps but-if you had purchased a marginal inscription block of four of each UN stamp issued, your investment would have increased over 600% in a period of ten years. That is almost as good as IBM stock -but a great deal less speculative.

"Again, going back to the first question, that is 'Why do people collect stamps?' At no time in history have people had so much leisure time, neither has their leisure time been competed for by so many media of mass entertainment. Yet, the hobby of stamp collecting has met this challenge of competition,

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and each year increases in popularity. Then, why the increase?

"Simply this. This hobby requires activity and individual initiative-television cannot offer this. It offers the pursuit of individual taste, the achievement of knowledge, the pleasure of possession, and the choice of the entire world for enjoyment—the monetary appreciation is dwarfed into insignificance in comparison with these reasons.

"Today, with the whole world in turmoil with the fervent hope on all lips for the success of the United Nations—with the ever increasing activities of this Organization, the popularity of collecting UN stamps continues to grow. For these little 'Posters for Peace' take the collector out of his little sphere of activity and give him an intimate contact with 'headlines' of the day.

"I, in turn, have learned to respect this innocent and universal passion for stamp collecting."

Awards at the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs Exhibition

THE list of awards at the twenty-first annual exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, May 26-28, 1961, at New Westminster, B.C., Canada, covers six pages of closely typewritten copy. There were indeed a generous number of prizes given out, and obviously it must have been a huge and outstanding show. We shall, unfortunatly, be unable to mention more than the top awardwinners.

Mrs. Fred E. Carver of Yakima received the grand award trophy presented by the Royal City Stamp Club and the A.P.S. Plaque for her exhibit of Taiwan, and this also took the Herbert Blogg Memorial Cup for best foreign, the Henry C. Hitt Memorial Trophy for Postal History, and two gold medals. The Eugene Church Memorial went to the Yakima Valley Stamp Club (Yakima, Wash.) as the club whose member won the grand award. The Western Stamp Collector Trophy was awarded to the Vancouver Island Philatelic

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352		Ic perf. 12 vert., double line watermark	2.95	5.90	
353		2c perf. 12 vert., double line watermark	2.00	4.00	5.00
354		4c perf. 12 vert., double line watermark	5.25	10.50	13.50
355		5c perf. 12 vert., double line watermark	6.00	12.00	14.85
385	1910-11	1c perf. 12 horiz., single line watermark	1.40	2.80	4.00
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393		2c perf. 8½ vert., single line watermark	3.10		7.50
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Society (Victoria, B. C.), whose member, Henry Whittaker was the winner in the Championship Class. Mr. Whittaker, of Victoria, showed Sudan rarities, and received a gold

The Wallace Trophy and Gold Award went to Dr. C. E. Benwell, New Westminster B. C., for his Canada. His club, the Royal City Stamp Club, was therefore presented with the British North America Award, the Birks Trophy. The Keen Memorial Trophy was awarded to Wm. Stanhope, of Brentwood Bay, B. C., for the most outstanding British Empire exhibit other than B.N.A. He showed Great Britain 1840-80, and this was also awarded the E. R. Thiele Memorial Trophy for best philatelic research, and a gold medal.

The Washington State Philatelic Society Cup to Donald W. Berkley, of Yakima, for the best U. S., showing U. S. airmails, which also took a gold medal. Cecil F. Blogg, of Tacoma, Wash., took the Clyde D. Brill Memorial Trophy for the best South American, showing Bolivia. The C. E. Cedar Memorial Trophy and a gold medal went to Mrs. J. H. Mortum, of Seattle, who showed Siam postal stationery. The R. H. Angus Trophy for the best topical and a gold medal were won by Mrs. Helen Turner, of Bremerton, who showed Olympic Games. George M. Martin, of Yakima, was awarded the

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Ira Seebacher, one of our well-known New York collectors, has an article entitled "Stamps That Say Photography" in the July issue of Popular Photography. It is very attractively laid our, with a number of stamps related to the subject being illustrated. Among them are the U. S. George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak; the Samuel F. B. Morse, who introduced the Daguerre process to America; Joe Rosenthal's famous Iwo Jima shot on the issue honoring the Marine Corps; and several foreign issues. Mr. Seebacher's article shows how the two hobbies of photography and stamp collecting can be combined, and very appropriately too from the viewpoint of the important part the camera plays in the production of many of the world's most beautiful stamps. It is an interesting and informative article, so why not pick up a copy of the July Popular Photography at your favorite newsstand or stationery store? Our thanks to Peter Cilly, and J. Sigmund Levy, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., for calling our attention to the article.

Jerry Rovner, of Manchester, N. H., sends a clipping from the Manchester Union Leader with an editorial depicting some of the stamps issued by the Soviets for their space feats, and calling on our Post Office Department to commemorate Alan Shepard's historic flight with one or more special stamps.

Our thanks to Jose Almir Mendes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for a first flight cover by Lufthansa Jet Rio de Janeiro to Frankfurt, with special cancellation of May 22, 1961.

Joachim Dill sends us cover franked with Europa stamps and having a special cachet with flags of Togo and Germany for a visit of the President of Togo to Germany May 15-24, 1961.

From Ray Van Handel, Sheboygan, Michigan, we have a cacheted cover for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Exhibition and Convention, May 20-21, 1961, at Sheboygan. Cletus Henry, Jr., Edwardsville, Illinois, senls a first day cover with the Kansas Statehood stamp, May 10, at Council Grove, Kansas.

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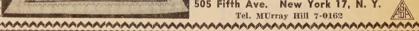
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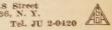
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First day covers and mint airletter sheets will be available for cash purchase by collectors on the day of issue at the UN Postal Administration Sales Counter in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. Those who desire personally to go there and address and mail airletter sheets from the UN Headquarters on June 26 may do so.

#### C.P.S.-A.P.S. Diamond Jubilee Date Changed

O accommodate the hotel and avoid a complex situation in their convention schedule, the dates for the combined Diamond Jubilee Convention of the Chicago Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Society have been changed to August 16-20, 1961.

The event will be held in the Congress Hotel in Chicago, and the banquet will be held in the Gold Room on Saturday, August 19.

#### Coins of Lima Collector Stolen

ROM Robert V. Southard, of Toledo, we have a newspaper clipping reporting the loss by theft of the coin collection of Elmer B. Ray, of Lima, Ohio. His home was burglarized while he and his wife were attending a coin show in Marion. A carefully hidden rare coin collection valued at \$9,500 by Mr. Ray was taken, although jewelry and valuable antiques were ignored by the thieves, who looted the safe. "They knew just what they were looking for," Mr. Ray said.

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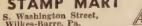
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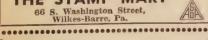
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13-cent International Airmail stamp A 13-cent international will be initially released at New York, N. Y., June 28, 1961. Dedicatory ceremonies will be held at Idlewild Interna-tional Airport on that date under the sponsorship of a group of international airmail carriers.

This stamp will become necessary as of July 1, 1961, when new international rates announced by the Postmaster General on April 14 go into effect. The 13cent rate will cover 1/2-ounce airmail letters to Bermuda, Central America other than Mexico (which is 7-cents per ounce), the Caribbean Area and Saint Pierre and Miguelon. International airmail to South America will be increased to 15 cents per 1/2-ounce as of July 1, 1961.





Design of new 13c airmail stamp

The 10-cent international airmail stamp, which formerly prepaid 1/2-ounce airletters to Central and South America, and the Caribbean Area, will no longer have a use, and will be discontinued. It was initially issued June 10, 1960, at Miami,

In view of the time element involved, the Department has requested the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to alter the numeral denomination, and to use the 10cent design featuring the Liberty Bell and the wording, "Let Freedom Ring." The right portion of the panel, which was green on the 10-cent denomination, will be red on the new 13-cent stamp.

This design, as originally issued, along with the 15-cent and 25-cent international airmail stamps, which will remain in use, was the work of Herb Lubalin, in cooperation with Joseph Lomberdero (illustrations), and John Pistilli (lettering). Models were by Victor S. McKloskey, Jr.

There will be an unlimited number of the 13-cent international airmail stamps ordered. Printing will be on the Gicri press, in panes of fifty, and each stamp will measure 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged horizontally. The L-type perforating device will be utilized.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations of the 13-cent international airmail stamp may send addressed envelopes, together with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmester, New York 1, New York. Each

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# Guatemala New Issues:

# How Are They Distributed to Dealers?

By ROMEO J. ROUTHIER

(Editor's Note: Romeo J. Routhier, pro-secretary of International Society of Guatemala Collectors, and Editor of Gazzenala Filazelica, had an article in STAMPS of February 25, 1961, emitted "Guaremala Lincoln Issues Are Legitimare", which had been stimulated by a "Caution" note in J. & H. Stolow's new issue price list concerning this issue, which read: This issue reportedly never placed on sale in post office and may be private issue. Sold strictly 'es is' with-out representations." An inquiry by one of STAMPS' readers caused us to ask Mr. Routier to write an article for us to inform our readers whether or not these charges were true. Further developments since then are reported in the present

Y ARTICLE on the Guatemala Lincoln issues in STAMPS of February 25, 1961, brought a letter from Finbar Kenmy, general manager of J. & H. Stolow, Inc., New York. His letter was not confined to the subject of the Lincoln issues, but included the manner of handling new issues altogether in the Guatemala Philatelic Department. With certain of his points I was in agreement; with some of his logic I was not. But I was and am glad of an opportunity to investigate his specific charges and to air whatever is wrong in the handling of new issues here at the Guatemala Philatelic Department, which we of the S.F.G. all agree is in need of improvement, and we are fighting towards this end.

Mr. Kenny stated that over the years the Stolow firm had made

many complaints directly to the Guatemala Post Office and through the Guatemala Embassy regarding the distribution of stamps. Regarding the Lincoln issue which had brought the subject to a head, Mr. Kenny stated that his firm had ordered these stamps but the order was not filled, the Post Office having advised them that one denomination "had the interleaving stuck to the gum of the stamp." Mr. Kenny further advised that in response to Stolow's cable that they "would take even the stuck stamps," the Philatelic Service wrote that these were not suitable to collectors and they did not wish to sell them. Mr. Kenny's additional charges will become evident to the reader as we proceed with this article.

As a result of Mr. Kenny's letter I wrote to the Philatelic Department, asking the following questions based on the information contained in it: (1) Does J. & H. Stolow, Inc. have any money on deposit for new issues? (2) Do they have a standing order for stamps or must they be notified? (3) Have they been able to buy stamps from you over the past two years? (4) When was the last letter received from them and on what day was it answered? (5) Were they notified every time a new issue came out? (6) Could I have three copies of the letter sent out to all dealers telling them of the Lincoln set? (7) Have other dealers in the U.S. received the complete sets of the Lincoln Issue from your Depart-

ment, by that I mean direct purchase? (8) Who is the person or persons responsible for stating the quantity of each value? (9) Have any of the 8c Lincoln stamp, which value was returned because they were stuck together, been in circulation? (10) How long after the First Day were the .50 available? The answers I received from the

Department are as follows: (1) Yes, the Stolow firm do have a deposit with the P.O.D. (2) They must be notified with respect to the new issues so that they may order the quantities they need. (3) The Department advised Stolow have been able to buy Guatemala stamps in the past two years and a list was attached of the issues purchased by them. (4) The date of Stolow's last letter was furnished along with what was ordered and sent. (5) As in the case of other clients, the Stolow firm is always notified of new issues. (This is true, but usually the notice goes out the same day the stamps are issued). (6) Copies of the letter sent to all dealers regarding the Lincoln set were supplied. (7) The Lincoln stamps were not sent out to any U.S. dealer for the following reasons: (a) the 8c value with interleaves was stuck together, in some instances entire sheets; (b) in trying to remove the interleaving the stamps lost nearly all their gum and many copies were completely damaged; (c) in the opinion of local collectors and dealers these stamps constituted defective philatelic material; (d) in view of these conditions, it was not considered desirable to send these to dealers and risk the severe criticism that would likely result; (e) the defective stamps were, however, sold for about three weeks following issuance to collectors, dealers, and the public who came personally looking for them and who accepted them "as is" without any responsibility being assumed by the Philatelic Service for their condition. (8) Responsibility for Guatemalan issues lies with a Commission appointed by the Government. (9) The answer to this is incorporated



The 5c, 30c, and 50c values of the Lincoln set discussed in the accompanying article.

in (7-e) above. (10) The Stolow firm's inquiry as to the 50c Lincoln stamp was apparently based on the short supply of this value. There were only 6,000 printed of this value, as against 500,000 of the 5c; 100,000 of the 8c, and 25,000 of the 30c. The reason for the small quantity of the 50c is that this value does not conform to the present postal rates, which were changed from 50e to 48e (15 gram mail to Europe). In the case of the 50c. there was again some difficulty with the interleaving paper being partially stuck down. I sent over 150 first day covers, which was the only way to use them: but if a recipient were to remove the stamps from the cover he will find this is a peeled stamp with thin spots. The 50e was still on sale, however, during the three weeks following first day sale.

Concerning the Commission appointed by the Government, mentioned in (8) above, it is notable that only one member has any knowledge of stamps, the others being government employes with no philatelic background. We believe it would be desirable to have a member of our S.F.G. appointed to this Commission, and have been trying to accomplish this, but so far with-

out success. Costa Rica has a similar Commission, but comprised of persons with a knowledge of philately, and we propose to present a copy of their plan to the President of Guatemala, who recently requested that the S.F.G. meet with him respective to stamps.

While I agree with the points raised by Mr. Kenny about restricted or too limited distribution. I disagree with any statement that the Lincoln issue was not a legitimate issue of Guatemala. I understand that the Stolow contention was simply a "caution note" to throw light on the distribution so that the firm's customers would be informed. The fact that dealers in Guatemala offered the series at a high price relative to the face value, and that the Post Office would not sell complete sets for the reasons stated, does not affect the legitimacy of the issue. The stamps were issued and made available in Guatemala, and even though they were not supplied to foreigners in complete sets for the reasons given in the foregoing, they are still stamps that are valid for postage in Guatemala.

There are other matters which require looking into, and it is to be hoped that all of them, including

the situation which Stolow brought to wide attention, will be thoroughly probed by the "powers that be", and rectified. For instance, the Post Office Department has a habit, which we deplore, of bringing nearly all issues out on a Saturday. The stamps are placed on sale around 11 P.M., right after the registry has closed, on the face of it a very suspicious element in the situation.

For the good name of Guatemalan philately we of the S.F.G. hope that in the near future philatelists here will be consulted and their advice followed so that any questionable procedures in connection with stamp issues and their sale and distribution will be beyond reproach.

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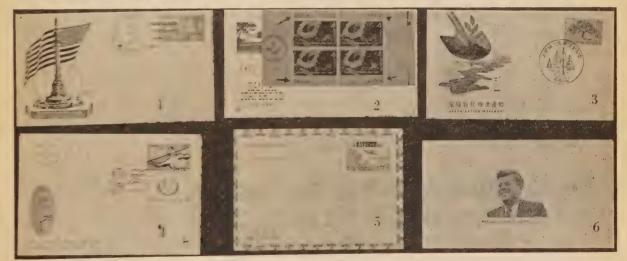
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Because of the shortness of time, the Post Office Department will, in this case, waive the five-day-in-advance policy. Requests for covers postmarked up to midnight June 28, 1961, will be serviced.

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445	3c	33.00	67.50	142.50	80.00	29.50 155.00
446	4c	14.75	30.00	67.50	37.50	72.50
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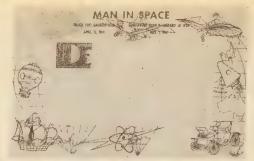
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#### Ressica Journal of Russian Philately

THE Rossica Journal of Russian Philately No. 60, just published, contains a vast array of articles and information on diversified subjects related to Russian Philately. Accompanying this issue is a cumulative combined index to the Rossica Journal and the Journal of the British Society of Russian Philately. This tremendously time-consuming "labor of love" by Ian L. G. Baillie and John H. Reynolds is divided into five parts so as to facilitate its usage in reference work.

Among the numerous articles in the current No. 60 issue of the Rossica Journal are the following: Ukraine Courier Fieldpost 1920, based on the collection of the late Capt. S. de Shramchenko's collection by I. L. G. Baillie; Fur Money of Ancient Russia, by M. Perekrestenko (believe it or not, this was once a standard unit of payment); the Romanov Currency Stamps of 1916-17, by Dr. Gregory B. Salisbury, editor of the Journal, who also in this issue has a very detailed report of the Annual Joint Meeting of the Rossica and B.S.R.P. on date of November 20, 1960, in New York, followed by brief notes from Kurt Adler and R. S. Ehrman related to their talks at that meeting on Postal History and Manchuria, respectively.

Fred W. Speers has an article on Plating Wenden No. 1; and Dr. A. H. Wortman on Pleine Mer Covers. "Pleine Mer" is a special postal marking equivalent to "Posted on the High Seas", which was used on mail posted on board ship and arriving at Egyptian ports with

stamps uncancelled.

There is a continuation of *Dr. C. de Stackelberg's* check list of the Arms Type issue of 1909-1923, a highly specialized listing which includes coverage of essays and proofs, forgeries (both to defraud the post office and collectors, shades, paper and perf. varieties, etc. There is still more of this to appear in future issues.

Kurt Adler continues in this issue his report of the special Sputnik cancellations and cachets which have been appearing on U. S. S. R. mail recently; and F. Julius Fohs has the concluding portion of his article on the Printing and Plate Characteristics of the One Rouble Arms Type 1910-23, the Czarist Issues 1910-1917, and Soviet Russian 1918-1923. Russian Gold Coins of the 18th Century is the subject of an article by N. A. Korniley.

The Rossica Journal is published in two editions: Russian and English. This means that translations must be made from one to the other, which poses various problems, among the greatest of which is the transcription of proper names—persons and places. There is a great gap between the spelling and pronunciation of the two languages, and English uses only twenty-five letters of the Latin alphabet, while the Russian Cyrillic alphabet uses thirty-three. R. Sklarevski has translated into English for this issue of the Journal the article by R. Kurbas which appeared in the Russian

edition on the subject of this difficulty. This is a very interesting and useful article, giving a key to the corresponding consonants, vowels, and semi-vowels.

The Rossica Journal goes free to members of the Rossica Society. Information about membership may be had from Dr. G. B. Salisbury, Chatham Court Apts., 49th & Locust Sts., Philadelphia 39, Pa. Information on the British Society of Russian Philately may also be obtained from him.

# Caripex I

CARIPEX I, which is shorthand for the first Caribbean Philatelic Exposition, will take place in San Juan during the summer of 1962, and will be sponsored jointly by the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture and the Puerto Rico Philatelic Society.

Caripex I will be set up in the exhibition hall of the Institute of Culture in old San Juan, and exhibits will be on display for several weeks. Among planned activities are auction sales, conferences, a philatelic course, sightseeing trips and social activities.

A special cancellation will be requested, to be used by the U. S. Post Office at San Juan on all outgoing mail during the period of the Exposition. Special philatelic cachets will be prepared and a temporary postal station will be established in the exhibition hall.

The Puerto Rico Philatelic Society, to make a success of this exposition, is seeking the names and addresses of philatelists and philatelic organizations throughout the Caribbean. Information or inquiries can be addressed to Ulbaldo del Toro, Jr., chairman, Caripex I, Box 494, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

Seaposter Has S. S. Hope Article

THE Seaposter, publication of the Maritime Postmark Society, had an article on the S. S. Hope in its January-February 1961 issue, we are advised by Editor Eugene T. Peterson. An article on this People-to-People project appeared in our issue of March 25, 1961, and some of our readers might like to read the Seaposter article which contains some information not included in ours. A copy may be had for 25c in coin from Eugene T. Peterson, P. O. Box 1916, Portland 11, Oregon.

New Device for Arranging Blank Pages

A precision instrument for quickly and easily drawing frames for stamps on blank album pages has been brought out by Laine Products, P. O. Box 454, Glen Burnie, Md. Called the "Fila-Framer", this versatile device may be used with ballpoint pen, tube-feed India Ink pen, or pencil. The manufacturers advise it can be used to draw accurate frames, and perfectly arrange the frames on an album page without first measuring, planning, or marking the blank page.

The instrument is easily adjustable for drawing rectangles, right triangles,

or squares for single stamps, pairs, blocks, or any album material up to a maximum frame size of 4½ inches square. Instructions for these various arrangements accompany the instrument.

The framing, inking and page arrangment is actually done simultaneously with a saving in time which the manufacturer informs us is up to 80% of that required by any other method. Whether an odd or even number of framed spaces are desired in horizontal rows, or even in an arched or circular arrangement, the "Fila-Framer" is designed to do it perfectly. This is accomplished by a unique design feature of the "Fila-Framer" which allows its use immediately over freshly inked and still wet work. An entire row of frames can be drawn

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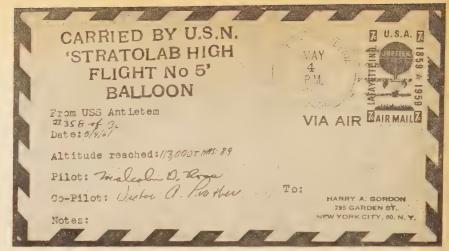
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Record balloon-flight cover discussed in the accompanying story.

# Record Balloon Flight Crash Cover

By HARRY A. GORDON

JUST a day before Comdr. Shepard's wonderful rocket flight, two balloonists went up from the aircraft carrier USS Antietem in the Gulf of Mexico, in a forty-story high balloon that contained ten million cubic feet of helium. Their balloon rose to a record height of 113,500 feet or 21.5 miles. The previous record by Capt. Kittinger was 103,000 feet.

In an aluminum-framed gondola Comdr. Malcolm Ross, was the pilot of the balloon called "Stratolab High Flight No. 5". With him was a surgeon, Lt. Comdr. Victor G. Prather, who made the ascent with him as an observer. Tragically, Dr. Prather died when he fell out of the sling of the helicopter that had come from the carrier to pick the balloonists up from the floating gondola after gondola and balloon had come down in the Gulf of Mexico. Comdr. Malcolm Ross was not in-



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The illustrated souvenir cover was obviously signed by both balloonists before the flights. After the flight the data was written in and postmarked and mailed off from the carrier.

#### Talks on Art of Exhibiting Prove Inspirational

N January 1961 the Wabash Valley Stamp Club, of Terre Haute, Indiana, started a program of instruction on The Art of Exhibiting. Among the speakers were Henry Meyer of Evansville; and David and Hugh Baker, of Indianapolis. When the club had its exhibition on May 27-28, over 50 per cent of the membership had entries, which we attribute to these talks.

We feel that other clubs might find more interest among its members in displaying from their collections if similar guidance were given through talks by seasoned collectors who have exhibition experience. It would of course be particularly helpful to junior members.

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# British Commonwealth Issues

By F. E. METCALFE

7 Leather Lane, Liverpool 2, England Editor, Commonwealth Catalogue of KGVI and QEII Stamps

A LOT of our time and energies are still being taken up with the African overprints. What has been making it such a task is the fact that so often a new overprint was superseded by still another new one and the preceding one became obsolete before it was even known to exist in philatelic circles.

I was a little dubious about all this, as perhaps others may have been, but I am now satisfied that there is no thought of taking advantage of collectors. None of the three protectorates concerned (Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Swaziland) has in the past gone in for creating stamps for collectors. Stamp-issuing records show that, and with the exception of stocks held by the various post offices for immediate use, all surpluses have been stocked in Pretoria, the city where South African stamps are printed and held in bulk.

When the currency change was brought about, it was decided that new sets of stemps would be issued, existing stamps having then been current for over five years. But new stamps could not be made available until later in the year, probably around October, so the overprints meantime were necessary to bring them in line with the new currency. Supplies thought to be sufficient for immediate purposes were ordered but they were sold out at once and further orders were placed with Pretoria. No instructions were given for any overprint changes, and there was no interest in making any. At Pretoria it was merely a matter of filling the postal need, and no importance was placed on whether or not the type conformed to that of the earlier order. So in some instances a different type was used. The significance that we philatelists place upon such things was something of which they were not even aware.

All orders for overprinted stamps coming to Pretoria were provided for with any stamps that happened to be on hand.

I have seen it claimed that the 2d on 2d postage due small overprint was prepared solely to meet philatelic demands, but this is nonsense. The fact is that orders exceeded stocks and further orders had to be placed; these did not arrive until after change-over day, but no orders were filled with any stamps which were received after their period of currency expired. I myself can testify to this

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for I placed an order which arrived a couple of days too late, and although I protested, I didn't get a copy.

And now to other matters. A number of collectors will no doubt have received their sets of the Sierra Leone stamps, but how many have the very good shade variety of the 10/- which had a life of merely a week? It was issued April 19, 1961, and withdrawn on the 26th. There has been a scramble for it ever since. It is a good shade, with the frame of a much deeper magenta than the printing it replaced.

A final word. Do not overlook the Pakistan overprints in your quest for the African issues. They seem to have plenty of promise too.

#### Philatelic Foundation Course in Philately

THE Philatelic Foundation will again have a course in philately in the fall of 1961. Full details of the course will be available in a few weeks' time. Those interested are invited to write for a copy of the prospectus, which will be forwarded as soon as it is ready. Address your request to The Philatelic Foundation, 22 East 35 Street, New York 16, New York.

The Foundation's official textbook, on which the course is based, is available for \$5.00 from the same address. It is called The Foundations of Philately, and will be most useful whether or not one takes the course.

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THE fourth annual COMPEX exhibition opened on May 27, 1961, at the Hotel La Salle, Chicago. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 A. M., and an address by Ralph W. Nicholson, Asst. Postmaster General for Finance.

The same evening over 300 guests attended the banquet at which guests of honor were as follows: Postmaster General of Canada, the Hon. William Hamilton, M.P.; his executive assistant, Guy Caron; the Hon. Luis Girault, Sub-Director General of Posts of the Republic of Mexico; James F. Kelleher, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General, U. S. A.; and Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Director of the Division of Philately, U. S. A.

Congratulatory telegrams were received and read from President John F. Kennedy and from Postmaster General J. Edward Day.

An interesting address by Postmaster General Hamilton and one by the Hon. Luis Girault was followed by the presentation by Mr. Girault of a special souvenir album to the COMPEX officers. Mr. Kelleher spoke on the subject of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

An honorary membership in COMPEX was presented to the distinguished guests by Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., president of COMPEX, assisted by Ben Reeves, honorary chairman.

Also among the distinguished guests present were Consul General Akre, of Norway; Consul General Jarnstedt, of Sweden; Consul Helgason, of Iceland; and Consul Knuti, of Finland. These men were present in connection with the fifteenth anniversary of the Scandinavian Collectors Club, a member of COMPEX. In connection with the thirteenth anniversary of the State of Israel, the Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America, another member of COMPEX, had as their guest the Israel Consul, Shao. Ranati.

The grand awards of the various participating societies were presented at the banquet. The Austin Philatelic Club trophy went to James Hamilton, of Elmhurst, Ill., for Sanitary Fair Covers of the Civil War: Czechoslovak Philatelic Club trophy to Herbert Dube of Toronto, Canada, 1918-20 definitive issues; Elmhurst Philatelic Society trophy to Philip D. Larson, Ft. Worth, Texas, Large G.C.M. overprints of Mexico; Germany Philatelic Society trophy to Louis Reich, Chicago, Lake Constance Ship Mail; Israel-Palestine P.S. trophy to Irwain A. Pearl, Appleton, Wisc., Postmarks of the Ottoman Empire in Jerusalem; Jack Knight Airmail Society trophy to Herman Kerst, Des Plaines, Ill., Uruguay airmail covers; Roosevelt Philatelic Society trophy to C. D. Malmberg, Chicago,

Postal officials of three nations discussing international postal affairs during COMPEX in Chicago. (Left to right): Ralph W. Nicholson, Assistant P.M.G. for Finance, U.S.A.; Postmaster General William Hamilton, of Canada; and Luis Girault, Sub-Director General of Posts, Mexico.

Sweden Revenues; Scandinavian P. C. trophy to F. G. Olausen, Upland, Calif, Norway No. 1.

During Sunday afternoon the Jack Knight Airmail Society and the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society had an auction. A cocktail party was given by Dr. Matejka at 7 P. M. in the Executive Suite, which some 350 invited guests attended. There were free lecture slides and movie programs. Open house was held throughout the exhibition dates by several of the clubs. Government exhibits were on display from Ghana, Togo, Surinam, Czechoslovakia, Israel, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the U.N. and the U.S. A.

The Cachets of COMPEX were sold daily to those in attendance. Dr. Matejka advises that a small quantity is still available to those applying for same by mail or in person at COMPEX, 216 Hotel La Salle, Chicago 2, Ill. Prices appeared in advertisements in STAMPS, page 310, May 20, 1961.

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THE North Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs, a non-profit organization to serve the membership of stamp clubs meeting in the northern thirteen counties of New Jersey, has just been incorporated.

The federation has already begun a number of services to its member clubs. A register of speakers, on a variety of subjects, has been established. A translation service, for postmarks, catalog entries, etc., has been formed. A central sales circuit, through which the members of affiliated clubs can dispose of duplicate stamps, is already in operation, and over 250 sales books are in circulation.

Plans have been made for a fall mail auction. A convention and exhibition in 1962 is anticipated.

Stamp clubs in the area served are invited to write for details. Inquiry may be addressed to the temporary president, Ray Norby, 43 East Forest Avenue, West Englewood, N. J. Clubs in Passaic County may secure information from George Goovaerts, 29 Ridge Place, Wayne, N. J. Morris County clubs may contact Fred Semmler, 153 Green Hill Road, Butler.

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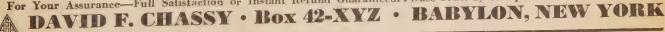
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Group I: Average Condition	Group III Very	Good Condition	Group IV:			, LL	Group IV					16	E: 0151	
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#### ISPEX '61 Awards

HE ISPEX '61 exhibition, sponsored by the Society of Israel Philatelists, was officially opened on Sunday, May 28, 1961, by John J. Britt, who acted as MC, and who was honorary chairman of the show. He briefly addressed the more than 200 invited guests, and then introduced the members of the executive board and special guests. Sol Rozman, chairman, and Leon Walters, executive director of the exhibition, addressed the audience as did also Sister Fidelma, curator of the Cardinal Spellman collection; M. Eliav, Consul General of the State of Israel. and Dr. Moshe Hesky, Philatelic Advisor to Israel. The opening ceremonies were very impressive, and the show itself was a great tribute to the excellent planning of the executive board. It was well conceived and well carried out, and the various exhibits were of high excellence.

Besides the already mentioned chairman Sol Rozman, and the executive director Leon Walters, the executive board consisted of vice chairmen Richard I. Cowitt, Solomon Handel, Jack Minskoff, Louis Schulman and Emil Weitz. Also, Sam Spiegler, treasurer, Arthur Engers, secretary; and Murray Newman, corresponding secretary. ISPEX chairman of the Hudson-Mohawk Chapter, Fabius Schmerler; and the cachet chairman was Martin Kener-

The exhibit specially prepared by the Philatelic Services of the Ministry of Posts, State of Israel, drew admiring comments from practically every visitor. It was exceptionally well prepared, and included much relevant information about the items shown. Israel stamps are of course unusually educative, and the Government display traced the complete history of Israel through its philatelic emissions. There is something very inspiring about such a display, where the significance of symbolic designs is made so clear, and we realize their relation to the Biblical record.

The competitive exhibits, as previously mentioned, were of high calibre, and presented a difficult problem to the judges, who were H. D. S. Haverbeck, John R. Boker, Moshe Hesky, Winthrop S. Boggs, Solomon Handel, and Emil Weitz.

The grand award, consisting of three volumes of the deluxe edition of Views of the Holy Land, was won by Sol Rozman, of New York, for his combined exhibit of Palestine and Israel,

The Section A trophy, donated by Sol Rozman, went to Arnold Weinstein, of Akron, Ohio, for his combined exhibit of Palestine and Israel. The Section B trophy, donated by John J. Britt, was awarded to Falk Finkelburg, New York, for U. S. Proofs and Essays 1870-73.

In Group I, Section A, where Mr. Weinstein won the trophy, second place went to Mrs. R. Bowden-Apfelbaum, New York, for fore-runners of Palestine and Refugees; third prize, Stanley Birnbaum, New York, Mandate issues. In Group II, the first prize trophy, donated by Albert Weinberg, was won by Ben Graifer, West New York, N. J., Interim Period and Israel autographed proofs and essays; second to Ben, David, Toronto, Canada, "Safed" Emergency Post; third, Leslie L. Blake, Williamson, N. Y., Rishon L'Zion Locals. Group III, first prize trophy, donated by Jack L. Minskoff, to Arthur Cohen, Rochester, N. Y., combined Israel exhibits; second, to Roger C. Stone, Kittanning, Pa., combined Israel; third to Jan Bart, Belle Harbor, N. Y., "Birth of a Nation." Group IV, second to Sam Simon, Yonkers, N. Y., "Hitler's Victims"; the Martin L. Wachtel Trophy for Postal History to F. W. Pollack, Tel Aviv, Israel; special award to Ezzat H. Moshi for Paistine Man-

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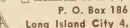
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#### Curiosa '61

IE Netherlands aerophilatelic society, The Flying Dutchman, was appointed the organizer for the first FISA Congress, which will take place August 4-14, 1961, at The Hague, Holland, and includes an international philatelic exhibition known as CURIOSA '61. This society is presently celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The exhibition and congress honor the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of airmail transport by plane. There will be visits to air and postal museums, sightseeing trips and excursions, and other special activities, in addition to the phi-

latelic program.

Dr. Jean Boesman, president of The Flying Dutchman, is chairman of the executive committee, which consists of the following additional officers: Jonkheer W. Six, hon. sec'y.; W. Dekker, hon. treas.; P.J.A.C. v. Midden, exhibition officer; K. Viehoff, congress officer (study groups); and H. v.d. Made, visitors service.

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Honorary members of The Flying Dutchman are Ir. M. H. Damme, former Director-General of PTT: J.C.E.M. Dellenbag, Honorary President of F.D.; and Dr. Max Kronstein, of New York, well known aerophilatelic historian,

Henry M. Goodkind (c/o Philatelic Foundation, 22 East 35 St., New York, N. Y.), U. S. Commissioner for CURIOSA '61, had informed the Committee some time ago that he had about twenty-five applications from U.S. collectors, and in the meantime we presume he has undoubtedly gathered some more. Every phase of aerophilately is covered in the exhibits from U.S. collectors, Mr. Goodkind had advised.

The organizers have also received reports of excellent collections coming from Belgium, Great Britain, Italy, France, Germany, Africa, Scandinavia, South America, and of course, the Netherlands.

A special part of the exhibition is to be devoted to Polar Post, with some fine material, mainly from European collectors. In the Court of Honor there will be exhibits from some of the judges, the Aero Museum, and the Postal Museum.

H. M. Queen Juliana, of the Netherlands, is giving a special Award of Honor for the best collection. The Netherlands PTT authorities are giving a silver medal, and the Aero Museum is offering a special trophy. Prizes of Honor are also being given by the F.I.S.A. and The Netherlands Federation of Stamp Societies. Special prizes are coming from the Municipality of The Hague; Royal Dutch Airlines K.L.M.; Alitalia, Rome; Director of the Tourist Bureau, The Hague; gold and silver medals from Hermann E. Sieger, Lorch/Wurtt., Germany; R. Tocila, Amsterdam; Dr. Jean Boesman; Int. Aero Philatelisten Club, Berlin; Soc. of Aero Historians, The Hague; Deutscher Aerophil. Club, Cologne, Germany; the American Philatelic Society, U.S.A.; and the Polar Postal History Society, England.

The Jubilee airmail auction will take place on August 12th, and in the evening, the FISA dinner, at which time awards will be distributed. The auction is in charge of J. L. van Dieten, director of the oldest firm of stamp auctioneers on the Continent. His address is 58 Paulowna Straat, The Hague, Holland, for the benefit of any readers wishing further information.

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Six categories have been set up for the main awards, to go to the best in each: U. S., Foreign, China, Postal History, Bureau Prints, and British Colonials. Other awards have been earmarked for other groupings.

Candidates for entries should write at once to the exhibit chairman, William Schulze, 2736 W. Gunnison St., Chicago 25, Ill.

Richard W. Canman, CPS president, advises that more than forty tables are available for Bourse space for the convention, which annually draws more than 5,000 visitors. He urged dealers to reserve space now by writing Edward Benson, 1418 Lake St., Wilmette, Ill.

#### The 1c Defense #899-b Precancelled

AN item appearing in the June 3, 1961, issue of STAMPS reports the finding of the 1c Defense part-perforate precancelled at Brockton, Mass. The statement that no used or precancelled copies of the imperf-between variety #899b had ever before been reported is incorrect.

At the time the Defense stamps were current, in the mid-1940's, a quantity of them were found, not only precancelled, but Buro-printed as well, from Glendale, California, in the narrow-spacing. In fact I sold quite a quantity of them myself. The Brockton item is interesting but inasmuch as it is a city type and not a Bureau-printed job it does not have quite the status that Buros would have.

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#### Coming Events

June 20-Midwest Philatelic Society will hold Smorgasnic at 6 P.M., Shelter House #3, Swope Park, Kansas City, Mo. Picnic and swapping.

June 21-Lake Erie Chapter of Masonic Stamp Club of New York meeting, 8 P. M., Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. James R. Lambert to speak on Perfins. All Masons welcome.

June 22-Last business meeting until Sept. for Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo at French Room of Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. Buying, selling and trading stamps at July 13 meeting.

June 23-Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, dinner meeting at Kiefer's Restaurant. Annual get-together with collectors from Greater-Cleveland area. Short philatelic talks and 15-min. movie.

June 24—Members of Chicagoland Chapter of Vatican Philatelic Society to hold "clothes-line" exhibit of Roman States and Vatican City, 1:30 P.M., Crerar Library Building, 86 E. Randolph St. Tony Rizzo was recently elected president. Further information from secretary John E. Walz, 1127 Knollwood Road, Deerfield, Ill.

June 26—Dutchess Philatelic Society meeting, 8 P.M., 58 Market St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Film on Andrew Carnegie. Last meeting until Sept. 11.

June 30-California Collectors Club meeting at Broadmore Hotel, 1499 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif. Showing of film.

July 7—Special summer meeting for Columbus Ohio Philatelic Club at Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Edwin M. Erickson recently elected president, and Karl W. Scheufler, 946 Bryden Road, Columbus 5, Ohio, re-elected secretary.

July 17—Informal summer meeting for Mound City Stamp Club, 8 P.M., Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, 12th and Locust, St. Louis, Mo. Walter Steinhauser is president and Mary S. Crooks secretary.

July 23—Central States Federation of Stamp Clubs picnic starting at 12 noon at Brown County State Park. Further information from Ed Morgan, Box 184, Nashville, Indiana.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3-Society of Philatelic Americans 67th annual convention at Hotel Jayhawk, Topeka, Kansas, with Topeka Stamp Club as host. Special convention post office. Exhibition prospectus available from Virgil Crowe, 1185 Medford, Topeka, Kansas. Entries closé June 30. Convention seals still available for 10c for sheet of six, or twenty-five singles for 20c, and stamped envelope from August Moeller, 1028 Fillmore, Topeka, Kansas.

#### Miscellaneous Club Notes

The Lake County Philatelic Society of Waukegan, Ill., meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. At a recent meeting Mrs. Charles Hinks was elected president, and Ruth Coulson, secretary. The Society's 24th annual stamp exhibition was held during May. Carl lenson, North Chicago, won the Grand Award for an exhibit by a club member as well as first in Foreign. Augustus Hendelman, Chicago, won the Grand Award for a non-member's exhibit and also first in Covers. Alma Goldstein won the American Legion Americana award. Edward Flath received the American Topical Association award and first in the Topical classification. First award for the United States went to Albert Schwarz.

The Tucson Stamp Club will go into its summer schedule with the first meeting in June. Patio Parties will be held on the first Tuesday of June, July and August, and regular meetings will be held at the University (Geology Bldg., Rm. 8), Tucson, Ariz., on the third Tuesday of those summer months. At a recent meeting Edmund W. Klimpke was elected president and Mrs. K. B. Van Voorhees, secretary. The Tucson Postmaster, Harold B. Collins, was made an honorary member of the club.

The St. Matthew Stamp Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 421-7th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Their Sixth Exhibition was held during May. Charles Duca won the Grand Award for his Topical collection and first in the Topical Class; he also received first in the British Colonies Class. First place in the Foreign Class went to Thomas Ignerio. The judges were Herman Fuchs and Bernard Weidmann of the International Stamp Club.

The regular meeting of the Flushing Stamp Club will be held the second and fourth Mondays in June at the Church on the Hill Community Hall, 167th Street, Flushing, N. Y. An exhibition was held during May. President Dr. Charles F Dull was awarded first prize for German Booklet panes; Eugene Gott-

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Two new Topical clubs were formed recently in the San Francisco Bay Area. Information on the San Francisco Club may be had by writing to Box 4611, San Francisco, Calif. Details on the East Bay Club are available from F. R. Patten, Box 824, Berkeley 1, Calif.

At the 30th annual convention of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs held May 20-21 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the following were winners: Three Grand Award presentations: Arthur Van Vlissingen, Lake Forest, for twenty frames of Wisconsin Civil War patriotics; Ray Van Handel, Sr., Sheboygan, for eleven frames dealing with Sheboygan postal history, and also fourteen frames of Czechoslovakia. Clarence Gruhl, Milwaukee, last year's award winner, exhibited his 2c Lincoln collections of 1901 in the Court of Honor. First award winners were Joe Damon, Appleton, Harold Richow, Racine, Leon A. Christiansen, Clinton, Norman H. Wilbert, Kohler, Mrs. Joseph Repine, Oshkosh, Francis G. Tallman, Milwaukee, and Irwin A. Pearl, Appleton.

SOS SIGNAL is the official bulletin of the Stamps on Stamps Unit of the American Topical Association. Information on this publication, or membership in the Unit, is available from Harold Arnold, 1328 Brinkley Ave., Los Angeles 49, Calif. There will be an SOS category at Temex '61, the International Thematic Exposition being held October 14-24, 1961, by the Argentina Philatelic Association in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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The Wabash Valley Stamp Club held its annual stamp exhibit May 27-28, 1961, in Terre Haute, Indiana. George W. Brodie's collection of 2c Black Jacks 1861-68 won the Grand Award as well as first in the United States classification. The American Topical Association's special award and first in topicals went to S. G. McLaughlin for his Madonna issues. John Campbell won the Junior ATA special award and first in Junior Topicals for his showing of sports on stamps. Other first awards went went to the following: David Dyer for Ryukyu Islands, Capt. H. F. Rommel for Civil War Naval Covers, David C. Stump for Perfins and George Campbell for 20th Century Pony Express and related issues. Junior firsts were awarded as follows: Douglas Mattox tor shade varieties of 1902 Regular U. S. issue, Edward Laskowski for Vatican City and Eloise Farr for cacheted covers.

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ANDORRA—On June 17, 1961, a new definitive series will be placed on sale at the French Post Office in Andorra. The values and designs of the stamps for regular postage are as follows: 0.05c, 0.10c, 0.15c, 0.20c, Coat of Arms; 0.25c, 0.30c, 0.45c, 0.50c, Gothic Cross (Meritxell); and 0.65c, 0.85c, 1.00f, View of Lake D'Engolasters. The airmail issues will comprise: 2.00f, 3.00f, and 5.00f, Valles D'Incles.

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AUSTRIA—Our thanks to Reni Horvat, Vienna, for a first day cover dated May 29, 1961, with the 3c stamp isued to commemorate the Conference of the European Council of Ministers of Communications which was thoroughly reported here on June 10, 1961.

Joachim Dill advises that a set of four stamps (1.00s, 1.50s, 3.00s, 5.00s) was issued on June 8, 1961, and became valid for postage on June 12, 1961, to commemorate the 100th jubilee of Vienna's Society of Fine Arts. This set, forecast here April 8, 1961, depicts paintings.

COLOMBIA—Walter J. Friedeberg, of Mexico, reports finding a Scott No. C356 of 1960 which shows a clear case of double print.

ECUADOR—As reported in our issue of June 10, May 25, 1961, saw the release of the three values (80ctvs, S/1.30, S/2.00) issued for the Third National Philatelic Exhibition, and also the two Ortiz Garces commemoratives (S/1.30). Our thanks to Dr. Roberto Levi-Castillo. Guayaquil, for first day covers with these issues.

We are indebted to the *Director General* of *Posts* and *Dr. Levi-Castillo* for first day covers dated May 27, 1961, with the S/2.00 stamp issued to commemorate the centenary of the founding of Los Rios Province.

ETHIOPIA—On May 5, 1961, a three-value set was issued to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Liberation Day in denominations of 20c, 30c and Eth. \$1. These stamps, reported here April 15 and May 20, 1961, show a map of Ethiopia, Emperor Haile Selassie's portrait and an olive branch.

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-Ministry of Posts.

GHANA—Three stamps will be issued on July 1, 1961, to commemorate the 4th anniversary of the Republic. The 3d has been designed by A.S.B. New, England; the 1/3 by M. Shamir, Israel; and the 2/- by W. W. Wind, U.S.A.

-Ghana Philatelic Agency

HUNGARY—Our thanks to *Philatelia Hungarica* for a first day cover dated May 24, 1961, with the stamps issued in connection with the launching of a space rocket towards Venus. The 40f., 60f., and 80f. show phases of the flight and the 2ft. value has a symbolical design. Each stamp bears the date 1961.II.12.

HUNGARY—To mark the world stamp exhibition to be held in Budapest from September 23 to October 1, 1961, Hungary is to issue a silver stamp. More than 800 ounces of silver will be used by the Hungarian G.P.O. in the production of the issue.

—The Philatelic Exporter, London

INDONESIA—The third part of the Tourism series, in values of 10 sen, 15 sen, and R 1.50, was issued on May 15, 1961. Our thanks to T. Y. Lauw, Djatinegara, for a first day cover with these stamps which were fully reported in our issue of June 3, 1961.

IRELAND-The two stamps to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Aer Lingus (Irish International Airlines) will be issued on June 26, 1961, in values of 6d and 1s3d (forecast April 1, 1961). The design features the original and the latest types of aircraft used by the Company, a De Havilland Dragon and a Boeing Jet, as well as a portion of the terminal building at Dublin Airport. The stamps will also bear the name of the State and the Company in Gaelic, the denomination and the dates 1936-1961. They were printed by recess on paper watermarked with the letter "E", in sheets of 120, perf. 15x15.

\_Department of Posts and Telegraphs

JAPAN-Flower Stamp Series V, the Peony, was isued on May 25, 1961. This



Ecuador cover autographed by a number of our good friends there and franked with the commemorative stamp for Los Rios Province on first day of issue. Covers came also from Dr. Roberto Levi-Castillo and the Director of Posts.

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10 yen stamp was fully reported in our issue of June 10, 1961.

On May 29, 1961, a 10 yen stamp was issued to commemorate the 52nd Rotary International Convention. The design, by Saburo Watanabe, shows the Rotary symbol surrounded by people of various nationalities. Fumio Watanabe did the engraving. The stamp was printed on white unwatermarked paper in sheets of twenty, edition eight million.

Our thanks for information and first day covers to the following: Ministry of Posts, T. Imazato and Kenji Nakatani, Kobe, Shozo Murase, Nagoya, H. Tsuge and Kanai Stamp Co., Ltd., Osaka, William J. Ross, Meiso Mizuhara, K. Wm. Hatate, Kenzi Miwa, Fumiko Takamura, Tsuyoshi Toyooka and S. Miyake, Tokyo.

The Ministry of Posts advises that Flower Series VI, Hanashobu (a variety of iris), was issued on June 15, 1961. This 10 yen stamp was designed by Yasuto Nozawa and printed by photogravure on white unwatermarked paper, in sheets of twenty, edition eight million.

JAPAN-Kunihiro Wm. Hatate, Tokyo, has advised as follows on forthcoming issues of stamps: The stamp for the Aichi Irrigation Project will be issued on July 7, 1961. September — Onuma National Park stamp (forecast February 25, 1961) has been postponed. October—two stamps in values of 5 yen, one depicting women boat racers and the other gymnastics, will be issued for the 16th National Athletic Meet; the stamp for International Letter Writing Week will show Hakone from Hiroshige's Tokaido 53 Stages (the 1962 stamp for this series will depict Nihombashi). On January 16, 1962, a stamp will be issued for Fuji Hakone Izu National Park. It is expected that a series of Sports stamps will be issued for 18 months starting in January 1962; they will be in values of 10+5 yen with the surcharge intended for the 1964 Olympic Games. A set of twelve bird stamps is forecast for 1963. They would have a value of 10 year each and be released each month, starting with January, as has been the procedure with the current Floral series.

JUGOSLAVIA-A nine-value Medicinal Plants series was released on May 25, 1961, in the following values, designs, and editions: 10 din. Digitalis Ambigua (Yellow Foxglove) 2,000,000; 15 din. Origan-um Majorana (Majoran) 2,000,000; 20 din. Hyssopus Officinalis (Hyssop) 2,000,-000; 25 din. Crataegus Monogyna (White Thorn) 1,000,000; 40 din. Althaea Rosea (Rose Mallow) 1,000,000; 50 din. Saponaria Officinalis (Soapwort) 1,000,000; 60 din. Salvia Sclarea (Clary-Sage) 750,-000; 80 din. Prunus Spinosa (Black Thorn) 750,000; and 100 din. Calendula Officinalis (Marigold) 500,000. They were designed by Mate Zlamalik, Belgrade, and printed by helio engraving at Courvoisier, S.A., Switzerland, in sheets of 100, perf.

-Director General of P.T.T.

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NEW ZEALAND—The 1961 Health Stamps will be issued on August 2, 1961, and withdrawn from sale on November 30, 1961. The 2d+1d Kotuku depicts a White Heron and the 3d+1d Karearea a Bush Hawk. They are being printed by line-engraving by Bradbury Wilkinson Co., Ltd., of London, on New Zealand star paper, in sheets of 120. Miniature sheets of six will also be available.

-New Zealand Post Office Bulletin

NORFOLK ISLAND - Further additions to the Norfolk Island definitive series are in preparation. A10/- stamp depicting a tropic bird is likely to be issued late in June, 1961, and three stamps with floral designs in August (1/1 Fringed Hibiscus, 2/5 Passion Flower and 2/8 Rose Apple. It is also expected that a Christmas stamp will appear in November.

—The Philatelic Exporter, London

NORWAY—December 14, 1961, will mark the 50th anniversary of Roald Amundsen's epic trek to the South Pole. This event will be commemorated with a series of two stamps. However, it is possible that the stamps will be issued on an earlier date.

-Norwegian National Travel Office

PANAMA—Our thanks to J. B. Wright, of Panama, for a first day cover dated June 2, 1961, with the 80c souvenir sheet, Scott's Type AP 77 of 1961, overprinted in blue with the World Refugee Year symbol and a line reading: ANO DE LOS REFUGIADOS. The sheet is numbered 21885.

POLAND—Our thanks to Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan, for a first day cover dated May 12, 1961, with the 60gr and 90gr values of the Polish Cities and

Towns series which were reported and shown here on May 27, 1961.

On May 25, 1961, the 40gr and 1zl stamps (forecast April 29, 1961) were issued for the 30th International Fair at Poznan. We are indebted to E. D. Androchowicz, Wroclaw, and Dr. de Ragan for mint stamps and covers with this issue.

SPAIN—It is possible that the 25th anniversary National Uprising set (forecast here for release on July 18, 1961) will consist of twelve values showing events connected with the Uprising and the development of the country during the past twenty-five years.

-Carlos Lenze

SPANISH COLONIES—The release of the Child Welfare stamps of Fernando Poo, Rio Muni, Ifni and Sahara has been postponed to June 21, 1961.

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SWITZERLAND-Our thanks to Frieda B. Bulger, Zurich for a first day cover dated June 1, 1961, with the Pro Patria 1961 stamps reported here May 13, 1961. The values are 5+5c, 10+10c, 20+10c, 30+10c and 50+10c.

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-General Director of PTT

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (SYRIA) -Through the courtesy of Steven Wilen, Forest Hills, N. Y., we are able to illustrate the 40+10 P. stamp which was issued on April 29, 1961, for the Welfare of the Blind (reported June 10, 1961).

VATICAN CITY - Three values are expected to be released in July 1961 to mark the centenary of the Osservatore Romano, the official newspaper of the Holy See. One stamp will show the original masthead of the paper and the present one, the second will show a printing press and the third will reproduce the newspaper building.

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Special notes on some of the illustrated stamps are included, such as the Jan Amos Comenius issue having been selected as one of the best ten of 1958 by L. E. Scott, in the 1958 Stamp Collectors Annual; and Life magazine having shown the Czech mushroom stamps as among the world's prettiest. Also, that Czecho-slovkia was awarded the Golden Star at the Brussels exhibition in 1958 for

its display there.

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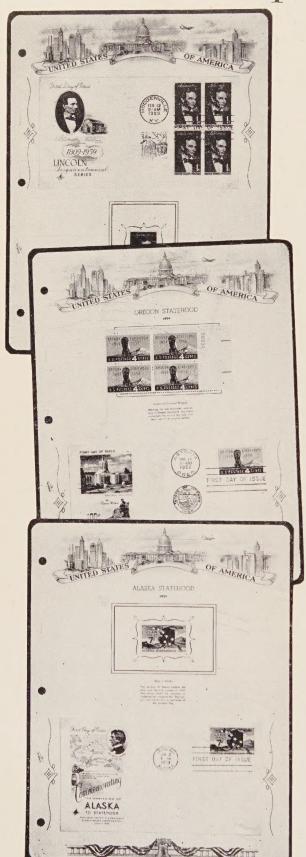
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